Cruel Fairytales

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THIS IS THE SECRET FOREST.
IT HAS A CANDY HOUSE THAT ENTRAPS LITTLE CHILDREN.
THE DOLLS ARE ALWAYS VERY BUSY.
ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON, IT IS BEST TO HIDE IN YOUR HOUSE AND NOT RUN AROUND.
OR ELSE YOU WILL BE EATEN BY THE WITCHES!

—YOU WILL BE EATEN—

AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE DANCING WITCHES WERE GOING TO KILL THE GIRL,
THE ANGEL DECIDED TO SHOOT AN ARROW THROUGH THE GIRL...
ONE DAY, THAT GIRL WAS TRAPPED IN A CIRCLE OF DANCING WITCHES.
OF THE LOVE BETWEEN AN ANGEL, EXILED FROM HEAVEN AFTER BREAKING A TABOO, AND A HUMAN.
THIS IS A STORY FROM LONG AGO,

THIS REPRESENTS THE STORY OF "THE ANGEL AND THE WITCHES" UP TO THIS POINT.
SO THAT HE COULD TAKE HER TO GOD'S DOMAIN.
HERE THERE ARE FIVE WITCHES, THE ANGEL, AND THE GIRL!
REALLY? BROTHER! LET ME SEE!
AH!
CRACK
YA!
WAHnnnn!
WAAH! IT'S BROKEN!
DON'T CRY!
LOOK! THE ANGEL IS STILL FINE!

REALLY! I'M NOT LYING!
KEEP THIS SAFE.
I'LL RE-MAKE ALL THE OTHER FIGURES FOR YOU.
REALLY?
LOOK! THERE'S LOTS OF WOOD OVER THERE...
LET'S GO MAKE OUR-SEL-VES FEEL BET-TER!
WE CAN MAKE A FIRE!
YEAH!
AGH! WHAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING HERE!
FWOOSH
LOOK! THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
NO WAY!!
WILL THEY FIND US LIKE THIS?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOKS LIKE YOU DID NOT SLEEP VERY SOUNDLY.
OH!
I AM ALWAYS HAVING NIGHT-MARES.../
I REALLY AM ALL RIGHT!
I AM ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU MR. MARTIN.
THIS IS ALUKED CASTLE!
AH! I CAN SEE IT ALREADY!
PLEASE CALL ME MARTIN, MISS LUCCIA.
WOW!
...CIA...
MISS LUCCIA ...
YOU WILL BE EATEN!
AEIII
OR ELSE YOU WILL BE EATEN BY THE WITCHES!

JUST LIKE THE CASTLES IN STORY BOOKS!

SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY LUSCIOUS, DARK FORESTS!

ALL OF YOU, WELCOME.
I AM JULIAN, MASTER OF THE CASTLE!
OH! I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU PROBABLY FIND THIS STRANGE!
AFTER ALL, WHY ARE THERE 3 OF YOU?
ALL I KNOW IS THAT SHE IS BLONDE AND BLUE EYED. THOSE WHO HAVE COME HERE RECENTLY,
HAVE ALL SHARED THIS COMMON TRAIT!
MY SISTER DISAPPEARED 11 YEARS AGO! SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE... SHE COULD EVEN HAVE BEEN SOLD TO SOMEONE!
YOU ARE THE LUCKY FEW WHO HAVE MADE IT THROUGH A TOUGH COMPETITION!
AH! I AM THE REAL ONE, BRO-THER!
THE MINUTE I ENTERED THE ORPHANAGE, I KNEW THAT I WAS DIFFERENT FROM EVERYBODY ELSE.
HEY! QUIT LYING!
BROTHER! I AM THE REAL ONE! DO NOT BE DECEIVED!

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HMPH ...
SOMEONE DOES NOT LOOK RIGHT, HERE.
YOUR HAIR IS SO SHORT! YOU ARE ONLY 15 YEARS OLD, AREN'T YOU?
YOU CERTAINLY CANNOT BE A CHILD OF THIS HOUSE-HOLD!
GASP
!
YOU'RE TOO MUCH!
I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I SOLD MY HAIR TO BUY MEDICINE FOR MY SICK MOTHER!
BUT IN THE END, IT WAS TOO LATE...

HUH!
I AM MARTIN! I WORK AT ALUKED CASTLE!
MY DEAR! YOU MUST FOLLOW MY DREAMS AND GROW UP!
THAT WAS WHEN I HAD JUST MET SOMEONE...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE FULL OF SPIRIT!
YES!
MARTIN, TAKE THEM TO THEIR ROOMS!
BRING THEM TO MEET WITH ME AFTER-WARDS!
YOU MUST CERTAINLY BE A MISTRESS OF OUR HOUSEHOLD!
YOU...
ARE YOU MISS LUCCIA?
HMPH! I PRAY THAT YOU AND I ARE NOT BLOOD RELATED!
MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY!
WHEN HE SAID THOSE BEAUTIFUL WORDS, I JUST COULD NOT BELIEVE IT!

I HATE THAT GUY!
YOU'RE VERY STUPID!
IF YOU ARE NOT CAREFUL, YOU WILL NEVER BE CHOSEN AS HIS SISTER!
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING!
AFTER ALL, HE IS AN ARISTO-CRAT!!
EEP! HE MESSED MY HAIR UP!
I AM BEGI-NNING TO LIKE MY BROTHER MORE AND MORE!
EVEN IF I HAD NOT BEEN CHOSEN, I WOULD STILL WANT TO BE WITH HIM!
PLEASE COME THIS WAY!
YOU'RE STILL PRETEN-DING TO BE DEAF?!
WOW! THERE ARE SO MANY DOLLS!
THAT IS BECAUSE HIS DECEASED MOTHER... LOVED DOLLS VERY MUCH!
THERE ARE EVEN NAMES WRITTEN FOR ALL OF THEM!
WOW! LOOK! A HUGE PORTRAIT!

ALSO..
PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT THE HOUSE DOWN THERE!
THAT IS A DOLL HOUSE THAT MASTER JULIAN BUILT FOR HIS SISTER!
EVERYTHING IN THERE IS REAL!
THIS IS THE FORMER LADY OF THE HOUSE, BASTINDA!
BASTINDA..
THE SAME NAME AS THE WICKED WITCH FROM THE WIZARD OF OZ..

THANK YOU! MARTIN!
OH! THIS IS WHERE YOU ARE STAYING TODAY! PLEASE REST WELL!
FROM THE MOMENT I ENTERED THROUGH THE DOORS...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!
I FELT THAT HE VALUED HIS SISTER VERY DEARLY!
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE MASTER'S ATTITUDE TO HEART THIS IS ONLY YOUR FIRST TIME EXPERIENCING IT!
DO NOT BE SCARED!
THERE-FORE...
THE TRUTH IS THIS PLACE REALLY NEEDS HIM!
EVER SINCE HE WAS SMALL, MASTER HAS MOURNED FOR HIS PARENTS. THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENTS AND RESPONSI-BILITIES OF THE CASTLE HAS MADE HIM THE WAY HE IS.
PLEASE TRY TO FORGIVE HIM!
I MUST BECOME HIS SISTER!

WILD TALK
Woah...I never imagened that my 2nd manga would be published so soon. I'm so happy about that. It's just that because I am too busy, I can't draw anymore for the moment. Such a shame! This entire story is called "Cruel Fairytales" and it was published about four years ago in a magazine. That was my first attemped full multi-chapter story, so because of this, I like it a lot. However, I can't draw like this anymore. I am working for a new employer now, so I am very busy helping it out. Deadlines really are very very stressful!
PAUSE
WAH!
THANK YOU! MARTIN!
THIS ROOM ALSO HAS DOLLS!
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED!
COMPARING THE TWO, MARTIN IS MUCH NICER!
I REALLY HOPE THAT HE WILL LEARN A LESSON FROM ALL THIS!
FUN!
AH! THE DOLL I PROTECTED!
OOH!
THEY HAVE IT HERE!

THERE IS MUSIC COMING FROM OUTSIDE?
?
AND GO
WOW
IT REALLY IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL ROOM!
THE COMPETITION IS JUST BETWEEN ME AND THAT OTHER GIRL!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE LUCCIA HAS MUCH CHANCE AT ALL, SO I CAN RELAX!
IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS COMING FROM HIS SISTER'S HOUSE
WHO IS IN THERE?
WELL I'LL GO AND SEE! THEN
HE WILL BELIEVE THAT I AM HIS REAL SISTER!
THE DOOR IS OPEN!
WHO IS IN THERE?
SCREAM

THEY WERE VERY BEAU-TIFUL, BUT...
THE DOLLS FROM "THE ANGEL AND THE WITCHE" ARE ALL BROKEN
BROTHER!
YOU MUST MAKE SURE TO PROTECT THIS ONE,
THE BELOVED ANGEL DOLL!
DON'T CRY! BROTHER WILL RE-MAKE THEM FOR YOU!
FIRST TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE!
LUCCIA!
...LUCCIA!

SHHH!
WHAA...!
I SAW FROM MY WINDOW SOMEONE WALKING TOWARDS THE MASTER'S SISTER'S HOUSE!
SHE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN LOST IN THIS HUGE PLACE!
MISS ELESIA IS GONE!
SHE'S NOT IN HER BED!
WHAT IS IT? WHY SO SECRET-IVE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT I WANT TO SLEEP!
HOW COULD SHE DO THIS! I'M GOING TOO! COME ON!
WHAT?

GAH!
ELESA IS MISSING,
AND WE THOUGHT THAT SHE WOULD BE HERE, SO...
AH! THIS...
GET OUT!
ONLY MY SISTER CAN ENTER HERE!
THIS IS MY SISTER'S HOLY REGION!
SO GET OUT NOW!
YES!
REALLY! JUST WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF?
SNEAKING INTO MY SISTER'S HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT MISS ELESIA?
WHERE DID SHE GO?
WHY DIDN'T SHE COME OUT TO EAT? I HOPE SHE IS ALL RIGHT!
OH! WELL, YOU SEE
MISS ELESIA
SHE
SHE LEFT!
HUH?
LAST NIGHT SHE MET WITH ME AND SAID THAT SHE WAS A FAKE
SHE FELT VERY ASHAMED AND LEFT EARLY IN THE MORNING!
THAT CAN'T BE.
FOOL. SHE WOULDN'T GIVE UP ON SUCH A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY AS THIS!
THERE'S SOMETHING NOT RIGHT HERE!
whisper
LAST NIGHT SHE

YES!
LAST NIGHT THESE TWO WERE RUNNING AROUND IN THEIR NIGHT GOWNS!
THEY ARE NOTHING LIKE WELL MANNERED WOMEN!
LAST NIGHT? YOU WERE ALSO RUNNING AROUND LAST NIGHT?
YOU...
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT?
MAKE SURE YOU FIND OUT THE REAL TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED!
IF SOME-THING ALSO HAPPENS TO ME..
LU. LUCCIA!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
YOU BRUTE!
WHY ARE YOU SO ARROGANT?
YOU WON'T HELP ME?
MISS MARIE!
YOU ARE JUST AN ORPHAN WITH NO MOTHER AND FATHER

DON'T YOU THINK THAT WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW WAS A BIT TOO CRUEL?
YOU ARE SURPRI-SINGLY FRAIL!
SO WHAT? GO AHEAD AND LAUGH!
WHAT ARE YOU HOLD-ING?
THE DOLL I MUST PRO-TECT!
I HAVE HAD A CLAY DOLL LIKE THIS EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE ..
IT SEEMS AS IF HE WAS ALWAYS TELLING ME NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED .. TO WORK HARD..
I HAVE ALSO ..
"THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN ONE DAY"..
ALWAYS BEEN ALONE!

I HATE THIS PLACE THE MOST!
THIS HOUSE...
THIS FOREST...
THE PEOPLE HERE...
I WISH I COULD RUN AWAY FROM HERE RIGHT NOW!
I HAVE ALREADY FORGOTTEN HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN.
I HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN THIS BIG HOUSE ALONE!
SINCE I STOPPED EATING!
EVERYONE COMES HERE FOR MY WEALTH!
MARTIN IS THE ONLY EXCEPTION!
IT IS PROBABLY BETTER IF YOU LEAVE!
THIS PLACE IS NOT RIGHT FOR YOU!
YOU WILL NOT BE HAPPY HERE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
JULIAN...?!

SO IT IS..
YOU.
SPLSH SPLSH
YOU REALLY DO TRY SO HARD IN PRETE-NDING TO BE MY SISTER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SO LATE AT NIGHT?
OH! NEVER MIND!
AH... THIS---
IT'S OVER!
FOR THIS, YOU EVEN DYED YOUR HAIR HOW PERSEVERENT!
THE TRUTH IS THAT EVERYONE HAS PRETENDED TO BE MY SISTER IN HOPES OF GAINING OUR FAMILY'S PROPERTY.
HOWEVER, I HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP ON HER BEING ALIVE ELEVEN YEARS AGO.
AH!

THAT'S... THAT'S ENOUGH!
HIS SOLE MEANING IN LIFE IS TO FIND MY S STER!
IT IS MARTIN WHO WILL JUST NOT GIVE UP!
DO YOU REALLY THINK FINDING YOUR SISTER IS MORE INTERESTING THAN ME?
JU..
JULIAN!
FOR, AM NOT YOUR SISTER!
OF COURSE I FEEL SORRY
LOOK AT ME! YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY FEELING TOWARDS ME WHAT-SOEVER?
I HAVE THE KEY!
LET US GO TO MY SISTER'S PLACE!
NO
NOT HERE!
!
BUT...
RUSTLE

Woo Woo
THE GIRLS..
EXCEPT FOR LUCCIA, NONE OF THEM ARE GOOD PEOPLE
LET ME HANDLE IT THEN! I DO NOT WANT MASTER TO HAVE THIS SIN ON HIS HANDS!
YES!
AH? GOING THERE?
EXCELLENT! I CAN GO IN AND HAVE A LOOK!
WAIT FOR ME!
I HAVE SOMEONE WITH MONEY NOW!
MASTER!
OF COURSE! WE MUST FINISH THEM OFF!
MUST WE CONTINUE TO DO THIS?
IT WILL ONLY BE COMPLETE WITH 7 PEOPLE!

JULIAN? ARE YOU COMING?
I'M GOING IN!
HURRY AND ADD THEM TO THE LINE!
LOOK! THIS DOLL IS ALSO WAITING!
HSA
!
AEEEE!!
!

AEE!!!
THAT SCARED ME! IT'S JUST A MODEL!
OH!
THIS IS "THE ANGEL AND THE WITCHES" STORY!
I SEE!
HUH?
SLSH

E...
ELE-
SIA!
WHY
IS SHE
HERE?!
ELESIA,
SHE
H...
HELP!
YOU.
AM
IS SHE
ALREADY
DEAD?
N...NO!
WHY?
AHH!
CASH

WHY
YOU
YOU
AH.
DRIP
DRIP
WHY?
1
CLICH
DRAG
DRAG
HISS
SSSS
!

LAUGHING
SAD
WHO IS GRASPING MY NECK?
MM.
WHO IS IT?
HOW TER-RIBLE!
STOP IT!
LING
GRASP
GRASP
THESE SMALL HANDS ARE SO COLD!
SAG
SP

A DOLL?!
AEEE

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STOP!
WHY IS A DOLL..
STOP!
THIS IS THE PRESENT I CHOSE FOR YOU DO YOU LIKE IT?

Jul...
LIAN..?
THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE
IS QUITE AMU-SING!
YOU ARE ANGRY AT THE DOLL! JUCCIA!
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
AH
JULIAN!

WHY WOULD I HAVE A NIGHTMARE LIKE THIS?
DREAM ?!
AND NOW THIS DREAM
!
THIS WAS NOT A DREAM!
AH!

MARIE ALSO LEFT?!
WHAT?
TOO STRANGE
TOO STR-ANGE
THE TWO OF THEM ARE NOT THE TYPE TO GIVE UP SO LIGHTLY!
THIS IS..
SHE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SHE LEFT
YES! THIS MORNING
ELESIA.. MARIE...

!
THIS RIBBON IS...
ELESIA'S!
WHY IS IT HERE...
BLOOD? ELESIA'S BLOOD!
FIRST ELESIA DISAPP-EARED, AND THEN MARIE!
I WAS ALMOST KILLED BY JULIAN'S DOLL AS WELL.
WERE THEY BOTH KILLED?

WILD TALK
[Cruel Fairytales]. I like this phrase. Actually, within this book there are many cruel but also deep stories. The style is the same whether you look in the beginning or the end of this book. However, because there were not enough pages, the stories at the end are very compact. I hope to be able to draw about Martin and Julian's past. Whenever I draw Martin, I become intoxicated with his misfortune and his madness.
(pervert!)
CAN IT BE...
THAT I WILL ALSO
MAY BE ME!
THE NEXT ONE WHO DIES
WHAT IS THIS HOUSE HIDING
AND WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS THAT JULIAN
YAAAII!

AH. THIS IS A LAKE OF SEWAGE WATER!
THAT IS PIG'S BLOOD
DID YOU KILL MARIE
AND ELESIA?
LIAR! THIS IS ELESIA'S BLOOD ---
JULIAN!
REALLY!
WHY IS IT THAT YOU ARE SO EASILY FRIGHT-ENED?
IT IS THE BLOOD OF THE PIG WHO PRETENDED TO BE MY SISTER!
I AM NOT LYING!
YOU ARE DOING THIS FOR THE MONEY! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!
LUCCIA, YOU ARE THE SAME!

DON'T TOUCH ME!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? LUCCIA!
シャラン...
THIS DOLL ...!!
!

THIS IS WHAT I THINK!
HE WAS NEVER THIS RUTHLESS BEFORE! IT'S A CURSE!
I'M GO-ING TO DIE!
YAAAHH
MARTIN!
MISS LUCCIA!
MISS LUCCIA
I WILL SHOW YOU!
MARTIN! YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU!
WELL...
WILL I BE KILLED BY JULIAN?

AHHH!
HOW BEAUTIFUL! THEY ARE JUST LIKE REAL PEOPLE!
"THE ANGEL AND THE WITCHES" DOLLS!
THEY ARE THE CORPSES OF ALL THE GIRLS WHO CAME HERE CLAIMING TO BE THE SISTER..
MASTER JULIAN TURNED THEM INTO DOLLS!
THIS MARTIN
COULD THEY BE...
ELESIA!
MARIE!

BEFORE BEGINNING, THE BODY MUST FIRST BE HUNG FOR ONE NIGHT SO THAT THE BLOOD CAN DRAIN AWAY
THE BODY IS THEN LACQUERED.
I ONLY DO THIS TERRIBLE JOB BECAUSE I AM FOLLOWING MASTER'S ORDERS!
THEN THOSE ARE ALL CORPSES...
SHE WAS CURSED,
AND WAS ALSO RIDICULED BY HER HUSBAND'S MISTRESSES...
HE HAD NO LESS THAN 10 MISTRESS LOVERS..
JULIAN'S FATHER INHERITED THIS BLOOD..
THIS HOUSEHOLD WAS AN OLD ONE THAT BELONGED TO A FAMILY OF AGRICULTURAL ARISTOCRATS!
IT WAS A VERY CRUEL LIFE FOR HIS WIFE
HE WAS, LIKE THE COUNT DRACULA

ALWAYS CURSING THEM../
SHE WROTE THE NAMES OF HER HUSBAND'S MISTRESSES ON THE DOLLS..
AND THEN POKED THEIR EYES OUT WITH PINS, BURNED THEIR FACES, AND RIPPED OFF THEIR FINGERS
ACTU-ALLY..
THERE ARE MANY DOLLS IN THE HOUSE! YOU THOUGHT THAT T WAS BECAUSE THE W FE LIKED DOLLS.
AH~~ MASTER!
AND THOSE THINGS REALLY DID HAPPEN TO THE WOMEN!
IN THE EYES OF THE YOUNG BROTHER AND SISTER..
SHE PLEDGED TO TAKE REVENGE ON ALL OF THEM!
ONE BY ONE THE MISTRE-SSES SUFFERED DEATH!
SHE WAS THE WICKED WITCH OF A STORY!
THE HOUSE BECAME HELL!

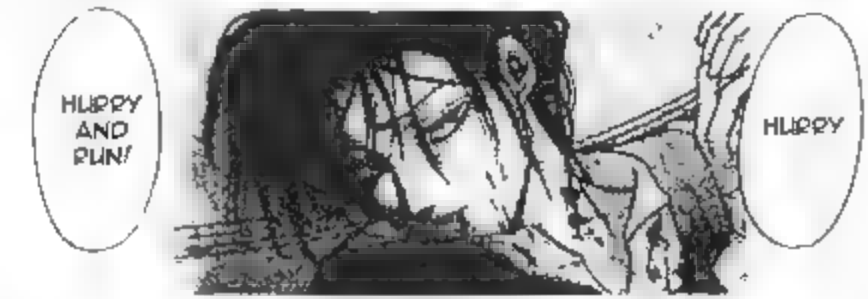
A FOREST FULL OF DEAD BODIES!
THEY ENTERED THE GRAVEYARD WHERE THE MOTHER HAD DISPOSED THE BODIES OF THE MISTRESSES!
SO THEY RAN AWAY, TAKING WITH THEM A BOX,
SOME CAKE, AND MATCHES!
WHA?
JUST LIKE IN MY DREAM
THE BROTHER STAYED THERE WITHOUT MOVING FOR FIVE DAYS UNTIL HE WAS DISCOVERED!
IN THAT TERRIFYING FOREST, THE SISTER RAN AWAY AND DISAPPEARED!
ALL ALONE, SURROUNDED BY DEAD BODIES.! STARVING AND DYING OF THIRST, I MET THE DEVIL IN MY DREAMS MANY TIMES.
THAT IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING THING!
MARTIN?
SISTER WAS ONLY 4 AT THAT TIME SHE PROBABLY DIED IN THOSE WOODS...
IN THAT TERRIBLE PLACE

THIS IS ALL FOR MAKING "THE ANGEL AND THE WITCHES"
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
MARTIN..
MY REAL SISTER HAS ALREADY DIED IN THOSE WOODS!
SO NO MATTER WHO COMES HERE
THEY ARE ALL DOING IT FOR THE MONEY ..
THIS IS WHY I STILL FIND GIRLS TO COME HERE, SO..
IF I KNOW THIS, WHY DO I STILL FIND GIRLS TO COME HERE?
I CAN CONCLUDE THAT.
MARTIN?
YOU MUST ALSO BECOME MY DOLL, LUCCIA!

STOP! MASTER MARTIN!
I PRETENDED TO BE THE MASTER IN ORDER TO TRICK EVERYONE!
I WAS AN ORPHAN, AND FOR MASTER MARTIN'S SAKE..
YOU CANNOT KILL LUCCIA!
NO! MASTER!
JULIAN!

THIS IS LUCCA'S DOLL!
THERE IS A MAGNET INSIDE IT.
DO YOU REMEMBER? IT IS YOUR SISTER'S TOKEN!
BE. BEHIND YOU IS THE ANGEL DOLL!
!
WHAT
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
LUCCIA, CAN YOU BE.
YOU REALLY ARE MY SISTER!
THIS IS A DREAM!
MARTIN IS MY BROTHER?
I AM HIS SISTER!

LU-CCIA!
MAR-TIN!
MATER MARTIN!
LU.
MY LUCCIA
YOU REALLY ARE..
CCIA


HURRY AND RUN!
HURRY

CANNOT BE LEFT IN THIS PLACE!
MY ANGEL
YOU MUST REME-MBER

THE DOLL IS MOVING?
THE FIRE IS MELTING THE LACQUER!
THE ARROW IS GOING TO COME LOOSE!
GET OUT OF THE WAY! MASTER!

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANOTHER PERSON!

JULIAN!

SO, JULIAN

I KNOW YOU ARE VERY STRONG WILLED

NO! OPEN YOUR EYES!

GAH..!

JULIAN!

YOU WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

PLEASE!

JULIAN!

I HAVE NEVER CRIED SO MUCH BEFORE!

FROM THIS...

WITCH'S HOUSE!

I CANNOT RETURN TO THE PAST ANYMORE!

I CANNOT ESCAPE FROM MY MOTHER'S CURSE!

HURRY HURRY AND RUN!

SO THAT YOU MAY BE HAPPY!

THAT MOMENT

OUR SEPARATION HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

I CAUSED HER TO FALL DOWN THE STAIRCASE AND SHE DIED THIS WAS DISMISSED AS AN ACCIDENT THOUGH.
IN ORDER TO STOP HER FROM DOING THIS.
SHE EVEN WANTED TO KILL MARTIN WHO HAD JUST COME BACK FROM THE WOODS!
AT THAT TIME YOUR MOTHER HAD ENTERED INTO A STATE OF MADNESS
MANY YOUNG WOMEN WERE SACRA-FICED!
I LISTENED TO HIM AND PRETENDED TO BE AN ARROGANT YOUNG MASTER...
IT WAS THEN THAT I STARTED TO FOLLOW THE YOUNG MASTER!
WHEN I CAME OUT FROM THE WOODS, I MET MY FOSTER MOTHER ...
I RE-MEMBER
SHE HAD BEEN MY WET NURSE BEFORE THAT!
YOU TRIED TO LEAD ME OUT!
AFTER THE DOLL ATTACKED YOU..
THERE-FORE
BUT YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE, WHO I TRULY WANTED TO HELP

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CARE!
THIS WOUND
IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT THE MAN NEAR BY TOOK US TO THE HOSPITAL
THE BLOOD TRANS-FUSION WAS FROM MY BLOOD!
IT CAN ALSO BE SAID THAT WE ARE BLOOD RELATED SIBLINGS NOW!
YES! THAT'S RIGHT!
LUCCIA
LUCCIA
HURRY AND RUN!
UP TO THIS DAY, I CAN STILL SEE
THAT BURNING DOLL
LIKE A BEAUTIFUL FAIRYTALE FROM A DREAM.

CRUEL FAIRYTALES / -FIN

ブランシェ
(BLANCHE)

THANK YOU, FATHER, MOTHER!

I'M REALLY VERY HAPPY!

WOW! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE! ♡

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BLANCHE!

IT'S YOUR FAVORITE, AQUA-MARINE.

IT'S WONDER-FUL!

TODAY YOU BECOME 12, BLANCHE, YOU'RE A REAL LADY NOW!

BLAM!!!

HURRY UP, BLANCHE!

YOU KNOW, IF I GET CAUGHT SNEAKING OUT LIKE THIS, IT'LL BE SUCH A BIG FUSS!

IT'S ALRIGHT, WE'LL JUST GO HAVE SOME FUN AT THE DISCO!

flash!!

WELL, THEN ...

ブランシュ

Blanche

HE ASSUMED THE POST RIGHT AFTER THE LAST MAYOR, FORREST, DIED IN THE EXPLOSION, SET UP BY TERRORISTS IN HIS OWN HOUSE!

HE ACTUALLY ORGANIZED A PARADE IN HONOR OF ONE YEAR SINCE HIS OWN INAUGURATION!

LOOKS LIKE THE MAYOR, KLEIN,

REALLY LIKES SHOWING OFF ...

I'M PRETTY SURE HE HAS SOME DARK SECRETS, I AM!

HIS CAREER IS VERY UNCLEAR AND THERE ARE SO MANY RUMORS ...

KLEIN IS HIS PERFECT OPPOSITE ...

FORREST'S SENSE OF JUSTICE WAS SO STRONG, THEY TOOK TO CALLING HIM THE "SECOND KENNEDY"...

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DIE!!

SLASH!!

MAYOR!!

LET GO!!

YOU LITTLE BRAT!

DAMN YOU!!

Swish

SFX: SWOOSH
WAAAH!!
EH?
LET ME GO!
THIS WAY!
huh?
HURRY!

SLAM!

BA-NG!!

Kyaaa!!

HURRY AND CATCH THEM!!

WAAAA!!

YOU IDIOT! DON'T SHOOT IN THE CROWD!

Bang!

AH! YES, SIR!

AH!

pe poo

pe poo

pe poo

HOME

HOME

HOME

AH!
HEY ...
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO ...
PEEK
I THINK WE LOST THEM ...
I'LL NEVER TRUST ...
STRA NG- ERS ...
AGAI ...
PU-
KE
AND WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS BRAT?
MUST BE THE EXTR- EME STR- ESS ...
AND MAYBE HUNGER TOO...

HOW COULD YOU! YOU SAID YOU WERE MY FRIENDS!

WHAT FRIENDS ARE YOU IF YOU LEAVE ME WHEN I NEED YOU MOST?

MY MAMA TOLD ME NOT TO PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE

BYE-BYE!

BLANCHE I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO ORPHANAGE

IT'S BURNING

IT'S BURNING

MY NECKLACE!

THAT'S

AH!

GIVE IT BACK!!

SFX JUMP

SFX. TRAIN PASSING

ガタン ゴトン ガタン ゴトン

FLOP

BUT, OH WELL, I LIVE HERE ILLEGALLY, SO I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN.

THERE'S A FREIGHT TRAIN LINE PASSING BELOW US.

!

Wha- What was that!?

RIDDLE?

HUNGRY?

I'M RIDDLE.

AND YOU OWE ME YOUR LIFE.

WHAT'S WITH THIS SHADY GUY. ?

I'M LUCA ...

AND I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE A PEST!

THEN I GUESS YOU DON'T NEED THE BURGER ...

.....

FINE, I'LL EAT!!

Snatch

.....

Pest, am I?

CHEW

CHEW

CHEW

SHOW ME!

IT CAN'T BE HEALED! THAT WAS ONLY A FEW HOURS AGO!

AH, THIS?

IT'S ALREADY HEALED.

HEY, DIDN'T YOU GET SHOT BACK THEN?

SHOCK!

WHAT IS HE TALKING BOUT

BUT THERE REALLY IS NO SCAR

SEE? NOT EVEN A SCAR.

I'M ONE OF THE TEST-SUBJECTS FOR A SECRET GOVERNMENT PROJECT FOR ARTIFICIAL STRENGTHENING OF THE HUMAN RACE.

Enough faking!

AND I EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY TO FIND AGAIN MY OWN SELF I SUFFERED, DEEPLY HURT, ALL ALONE IN THIS GREAT CITY ...

I WAS AFRAID THEY'D WANT TO DISPOSE OF ME, SO I ESCAPED THE LABORATORY, BUT I LOST MY MEMORY ...

THIS IS MY REAL TRADE.

Why do you have such a vest anyway?

I'M A SWIN-DLER.

AW, DAMN!

THEN WHY'S THERE'S A BULLET-PROOF VEST UNDER THE BED?

THEY WERE CHASING US AND EVENTUALLY THEY CAUGHT US

ME AND MY PARTNER IN CRIME, GUY, MANAGED TO SWINDLE KLEIN AND GOT AWAY WITH BIG MONEY.

ONE YEAR AGO ...

THEY PRESENTED US AS THE TERRORISTS...

WHO PLANNED THE EXPLOSION AND MADE UP ALL SORTS OF FALSE EVIDENCE.

MAYBE YOU REMEMBER THE ACCIDENT WITH THE EXPLOSION IN THE LATE MAYOR FORREST'S HOME?

I BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY LIFE, BUT GUY ... KLEIN ARRANGED HIS DEATH IN ORDER TO SHUT HIS MOUTH.

AND I SWORE REVENGE ON KLEIN..!

WAIT A MINUTE!!

WAIT ...

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

THEN YOU ARE ...

EH?

I'M THAT FORREST'S DAUGHTER!

MY REAL NAME IS BLANCHE FORREST!

DIDN'T YOU NOTICE IT WHEN YOU WERE CARRYING ME!

NOT AT ALL ...

YOU'RE A GIRL?

DIDN'T I JUST SAY THAT I AM!?

You are Blanche Forrest!

!

AH!!

WAIT UP, I THINK I READ ABOUT FORREST'S DAUGHTER IN SOME NEWSPAPER ...

ALL OF THE FAMILY'S ASSETS WERE LOST

THE PEOPLE WHO SURROUNDED ME, EVEN MY FRENDS, ALL DESERTED ME

BUT FOR SOME REASON THERE WAS NEVER A REAL INVESTIGATION AND ALL I COULD DO WAS DRIFT FROM SHADOW TO SHADOW

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED THAT EXPLOSION

BUT I KNOW THAT THE EXPLOSION THAT DAY ...

WAS KLEIN'S DOING!

BUT, NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE BETRAYED ME,

I HAD NO OTHER RELATIVES SO I HAD TO FEND FOR MYSELF

I DECIDED TO FORGET THE PAST AND STAY ALIVE I CUT MY HAIR

CHANGED MY NAME AND BECAME A PICKPOCKET IN THE LOWER PARTS OF TOWN

I SWEAR, I'LL GET THAT NECKLACE BACK!!

AND I CAN SWEAR THAT IT WAS THE NECKLACE I LEFT AT HOME BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED!!

ONE DAY I SAW HIS WIFE ON TV WITH A NECKLACE.

WOW

I WON'T LET ANYONE HAVE IT..!

IT'S MINE AND ONLY MINE.. IT'S MY ONLY MEMORY FROM THE TIME WHEN I WAS HAPPY ...

AND I'LL KILL THAT BASTARD!!

I SEE ...

WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES, LUCA?

SO NOW WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY ...

KLEIN.

I WON'T LET ANYONE FOOL ME ANYMORE!

FRIENDS OR PARTNERS 'N CRIME

MY, MY, WHAT A SPLENDID ATTITUDE!

Blank!

IF I LEARNED ANYTHING FOR THIS ONE YEAR, IT'S "DON'T TRUST STRANGERS!"

JUST DON'T TRY TO PUSH THAT THING, 'COS IT'LL EXPLODE 10 SECONDS AFTER THAT.

HEH! YOU'VE SO MANY WEAPONS!

AND THIS IS DYNAMITE, ISN'T IT?

ME!?

YOU'LL BE THIS GUY'S DAUGHTER.

THE DEATH OF PROF. ASHLEY, AUTHORITY IN EPIDEMIC DISEASES, CAUSE UNKNOWN?

SO WHAT?

LUCA, DID YOU SEE THIS ARTICLE?

Of course I won't

GAH

Wha--

What the hell, 4,000 dollars!?

It looks like you found in a 7 dollar store?

WHAT ABOUT THIS DRESS? IT'S JUST YOUR SIZE!

flop

WOW, GOOD JOB STEALING SOMETHING FROM SUCH AN EXPENSIVE SHOP

This is rude

wow

AW, DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS! I BOUGHT IT!

Why do you have a dress anyway?

BUT IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR BUST, THEY'LL FIND OUT YOU'RE A BOY ...

AM NOT!

WHY THE HELL SHOULD WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!? I DON'T NEED A DRESS TO BLOW THAT MAGGOT'S BRAIN OUT!

shake shake

JUST KILLING HIM ISN'T REVENGE AT ALL.

AND IT WON'T HELP YOU GET YOUR NECKLACE BACK.

THROW

COOL... YOU HAVE SO MUCH MONEY AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T QUIT SWINDLING ...

BECAUSE I STILL HAVEN'T ACHIEVED MY GOAL.

LET'S TAKE SOME FROM THE SPECIAL "WAR FUNDS" ...

WAH! I was sleeping on that bed!

AND NEXT ...

MY TUXEDO, AND WE'LL NEED A LIMO TOO ...

BUT YOU WERE HAPPY WHEN YOU HAD MONEY. EVEN IF IT'S NOTHING BUT A DREAM, BEING ABLE TO SEE IT EQUALS HAPPINESS.

MONEY-FREAK!

IF YOU ONLY HAVE MONEY, THERE'S NO NEED TO BOW BEFORE ANYONE.

THE ONE THAT ALWAYS WINS IN THE END IS THE RICH MAN.

THIS WHOLE WORLD IS RULED BY MONEY.

AND MY EXPERIENCE SHOWED ME THAT THE HAPPINESS YOU CAN BUY WITH MONEY SLIPS LIKE WATER THROUGH THE FINGERS!

I would do anything for money!

Rich Person

I FELT PAIN IN MY HEART

WHEN I SAW RIDDLE'S FACE WHEN HE WAS DROWNING IN HIS DREAMS OF MONEY

WE ARE HERE, MY LADY.
OPEN
Why did I agree to this?
SMILE, JUST SMILE!
SHUT UP, I KNOW!
SHE'S HERE!!
WOOSH!
THE MAYOR KLEIN AND HIS WIFE ARE HERE!
AH, THIS IS SUCH AN HONOR! ♡

I knew it, that IS my necklace!!
MR. MAYOR, MAY I HAVE A MOMENT ..?
YES, EXCUSE ME FOR A WHILE, ARIEL!
AH, SO THAT'S THE ESTEEMED EX-SHOWGIRL, HIS WIFE
SMILE
HEY, DENISE, ARE YOU LOOKING AT OTHER WOMEN AGAIN!
AH!
NO ...
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

OH, SHUT UP, DENISE!

PLEASE, HAVE SOME MORE PATIENCE ...

CLICK

WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?

AH... I THINK THAT'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED PROFESSOR ASHLEY ...

AAH, MY, MY! WHAT KIND OF BORING PARTY IS THIS?

ONLY OLD MEN!

AH!

MY LADY ...

EH?

AH!!

WILD TALK

Weeell. This was supposed to be a series, but some things happened and I had to pass it on as a one-shot But it had to be a Bike story, revolving around the elections of a president Ruddle's name came form the title of Nick Kershaw's song "The Riddle" and the model for the hair was Tom from the English pop group Thompson Twins. After watching the movie "Some Kind Of Wonderful", I really wanted to draw a tomboy, and that's how Luca was born. It has nothing to do with ZABADAK's song "Bianche" The story turned out surprisingly NOT muddled for me. By the way, In the last volumes, everyone told me I only used males for main characters, and this one turned full of women, but that's only a coincidence. Oh, my! I'm running out of space! Alright, everyone, I hope I'll see you again! Adios!

YOU ARE JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE RUMORS DESCRIBE YOU ...

YES, MRS. KLEIN.

YOU ARE THE MAN FROM BEFORE ...

AH!

I WISH I HAD MET YOU EARLIER.

AH, YOU'RE TOO KIND. ♡

YOU PLAYBOY!

I'LL HAVE YOU FIRED FOR THAT!

SPLASH!!

MY LADY!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM.

THAT GIRL TREATS FRIENDS AND STRANGERS EQUALLY BAD!

AH, IT WASN'T THAT BAD BEFORE SHE BECAME ILL ...

ILL?

I THOUGHT EVERYONE KNEW? HER FATHER, PROFESSOR ASHLEY ...

YES, I'VE SEEN HIM ON TV ...

YES, THE MEDIA ANNOUNCED THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS UNK-NOWN.

BUT THE TRUTH IS...

IN THE COURSE OF HIS STUDIES, HE INVENTED A COMPLETELY NEW INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND GOT INFECTED BY IT.

THAT WAS THE REAL CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.

YOU ... YOU MUST BE JOKING, RIGHT?

BUT THE YOUNG LADY WAS IN DESPAIR, SO SHE WENT OUT A LOT. THE VIRUS PROBABLY SPREAD ALL AROUND TOWN ...

SPOTS LIKE BURN-SCARS SPREAD THROUGH THE WHOLE BODY UNTIL THE PERSON EVENTU-ALLY DIES ...

HO... HOLD ON, WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

AIR-BORNE!?

IT'S AN AIR-BORNE INFECTION WITH EXTRE-MELY HIGH DEATH RATE.

OF COURSE, HE NEVER INVENTED A CURE FOR IT.

AS FAR AS I CAN ...

NO, I'M THE SAME. ONCE INFECTED, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW HER...

KYAAAH!!

MY LADY!!

Denise ...

Save mee ...!

NO, STOP IT! I DON'T WANT TO DIE, I'M TOO YOUNG!

tick

KYAAAA!

WHAT THE!?

thump

POOF!

What is this thing!?

Ah! There's fume coming out of it!

KYAAAAH!!

KYAAAAH!!

WAAAH!!

!?

Grab

THAT MAN IS ...!

AH ...

HA HA HA HA

THANKS, RIDDLE!

I WANTED THIS SO MUCH..!

REAL FRIENDS ...

AND NOW WE ...

WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?

YEAH ...

YOU'RE THE BEST PARTNER.

AL-RIGHT NOW ...

MR. MAYOR? DO YOU REMEMBER ME...?

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, YOU DEALT WITH A GROUP OF SWINDLERS AND YOU EVEN MANAGED TO KILL ONE OF THEM.

WELL, I'M THE OTHER ONE.

ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT ...

AND IT SEEMS FORTUNE IS FINALLY SMILING ON ME.

I HAVE A WITNESS.

Sparkle

Sparkle

FATHER, MOTHER,

BLANCHE IS HAPPY

THE GEMS SPARKLE LIKE WATER-DROPS

AND FORM A RIDDLE-GAME IN MY MIND

SO, BETTER HAVE YOUR MONEY READY, MR. MAYOR!

I'M COMING TO GET IT!

YES, THAT'S HIM, WITH THE RED HAIR.

TAKE CARE OF HIM.

EH?

I THINK YOU DROPPED THIS!

PAGE

BLAM!!

WE ALMOST BEAT HIM TO PULP AND HE STILL WON'T TALK.

MAYBE IT WAS JUST A BLUFF?

HEH ...

AH!

MAYOR!

Step Step Step

WHEN YOU DEAL WITH SUCH GUYS THE CARROT WORKS BETTER THAN THE STICK. SEE HERE.

WHAT ...?

I HAVE MANY ENEMIES. I NEED A CAPABLE MAN TO TAKE CARE OF THEM IN THE SHADOWS.

YOUR PLAN TO STEAL THAT NECKLACE WAS ADMIRABLE...

YOU'RE AN INTERESTING GUY.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR ME?

IF YOU GIVE ME THAT NECKLACE BACK,

I'LL PAY YOU 10,000 DOLLARS IN ADVANCE.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

DID YOU SAY ...

10,000 DOLLARS ...

THANK YOU! I WANTED IT SO MUCH!

AH!

WAIT!!

THINK ABOUT IT WELL ...

WHAT IS IT?

grrn

WAIT A MINUTE ...

20,000 ..!

20,000

AND YOU HAVE A DEAL.

WHERE DID HE GO..?

RIDDLE!

Got you.

KLEIN!!

YOU'RE THE ONE FROM THE PARADE THAT DAY, AREN'T YOU?

HOW THE HELL ...

DID YOU REALLY THINK SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN KILL ME?

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS COMING HERE?

HEH-HEH... WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT FORREST'S DAUGHTER COULD BARE HER FANGS ...

SO IT WAS YOU!

WHY DID YOU KILL MY FAMILY!?

EVERYTHING WAS PERFECTLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED, EXCEPT THE FACT YOU REMAINED ALIVE.

FORREST WAS AN UPSTANDING COP FOR A LONG TIME ... AND BECAUSE OF HIS SENSE OF JUSTICE, MANY PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE HIM AT ALL.

BLANCHE ... OR SHOULD I CALL YOU LUCA NOW?

INCLUDING THE NECKLACE YOU STOLE BACK FROM ME.

I TOOK EVERYTHING OF VALUE FROM THE HOUSE BEFORE IT EXPLODED.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THAT MAN OVER THERE.

LEAH

HOW DO YOU KNOW ...

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS MORE CAREFULLY ...

NO ...

NO WAY ...

SORRY, LUCA. ALL I WANT IS MONEY.

RIDDLE! YOUR FIRST JOB! SHOOT THAT BRAT!

THEN I'LL GIVE YOU MORE PROOF.

AS YOU WISH.

.....

EVEN IF I HAVE TO SELL MY PARTNER FOR IT..!

WAIT!

!

GIVE ME THAT GUN!

SHOOT HER WITH THIS ONE.

HURRY UP!!

AH ...

Ridd-

Didn't you say we were partners!?

You can't! You're my friend!

Go on, shoot!!

SF: BANG

NO ...

I CAN'T ..!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

AH ...

Drip

BANG

BANG

I THOUGHT SO...

I...

I CAN'T KILL HER..! DON'T MAKE ME DO IT..!

YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO BE A REAL MAN!

LUCA
...

I'M...
SORRY
...

.....

Riddle..!!

HEH ...

WHAT A FITTING END FOR SUCH A PETTY THIEF.

YOU...

YOU PLANNED THIS ...

RIGHT FROM THE START!

NOW IF YOU'D PLEASE GIVE BACK THE NECKLACE?

ARIEL LIKES IT VERY MUCH.

IT'S MINE..! MINE...!

AND RIDDLE'S ..!

Heh.

STUPID BRAT.

HAVE YOU EVEN SEEN YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR?

JEWELS LIKE THOSE DON'T SUIT YOU AT ALL NOW.

I'd ...

I'd rather take everyone with me to Hell!!

If I have to give up to you ...

SF EXPLODE

NO... NOBODY COULD'VE SURVIVED THAT ...

I.. I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE DID IT ...

HEH ...

HA HA HA HA

10 seconds left.

This will explode! She pushed the switch!!

Boss, hurry!! We have to get out of here!

Bang!

Rattle

Out of the way!

Boss! Take cover!

Rattle

Blink

Luca!

YOU'RE A LITTLE HEAVY ...

WAH!!

CALM DOWN

CALM DOWN ...

You just made me jump from a 3-storey house on to a moving train! When you grabbed me and jumped through the window I thought we were goners!

EH? WHAT?

Rid-dle!!

You could've at least bought parachutes or something!

NOW WE CAN SELL THIS TO THE TV STATION THAT OFFERS MOST ...

AND THAT SUCKER KLEIN DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I WAS RECORDING EVERY WORD HE SAID!

DEATH GLARE

Eeck... I mean, we can send Klein to jail!

AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T WON SOMETHING REALLY BIG UNLESS YOU RISK YOUR LIFE FOR IT.

AT LEAST I BECAME YOUR LANDING PILLOW, DIDN'T I?

IT'S ALL HERE! ♡

Flip!

AAH, THE MONEY?

YOU'RE REALLY TOUGH GUY ...

YOU CAN PLAY PRETEND AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, BUT YOU DID GIVE UP ALL THE MONEY THAT WAS IN YOUR BED.

Take off

I GET, I GET IT ...

AND I EVEN HAVE KLEIN AND HIS BODYGUARDS' WALLETS, TOO! ♡

I JUST CAN'T STOP ...

MY TEARS FROM FALLING ...

BUT YOU PUT UP A GREAT PERFORMANCE TOO!

HA-HA-HA ...

THAT ...

AND ALSO ...

SOME-HOW ...

WHEN I SAID THOSE THINGS, I SAW MY WHOLE LIFE FLASHING BEFORE MY EYES ...

AH ...

THIS DOESN'T SUIT ME, AFTER ALL ...

IT'S ALRIGHT, DON'T DO IT ...

AND I OWN A CASINO OR TWO IN LAS VEGAS!

WHEN YOU BECOME A LADY IN A WHITE DRESS ...

BUT IT WILL, SOMEDAY.

AS IF, YOU IDIOT ...

YEAH ...

AH!!

Ah..!

THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD HEAL FOR ...

AH, THIS? IT'LL BE ALL HEALED IN A WEEK OR SO, ...

YOU DIDN'T HAVE A BULLET-PROOF VEST THIS TIME..!

HEY, BUT-BUT-RIDDLE ...

WHAT IS IT ...

PART-NER?

.....

NO, NO-THING

EVERY-THING'S JUST FINE.

BE-CAUSE NOW ...

I FEEL GREAT ...

WE ARE RECRUITING!!

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MY ALEISTER

THE ONE WHO KILLED ME WAS YOUR FATHER, MY HUSBAND

BUT ALEISTER, I WILL DEFINITELY BE REBORN UNTIL THAT DAY, ALEISTER,

PROVIDE FOR YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN WAY I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO IT

UNTIL THE DAY I WILL BE REBORN

MY MOTHER WAS BEATEN TO DEATH AND THESE ARE THE WORDS SHE LEFT ME WHEN SHE WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.

AND ALL I COULD DO WAS STARE AT HER

HER BLOODY HAND, CLASPED AROUND MY FOOT, WAS GROWING COLD

舞台の魔術師

Backstage Mage

CRYSTAL RUDIN?

THE NO. 52 GIRL?

HER DANCING IS GOOD, BUT ISN'T SHE TOO YOUNG? ANYWAY ...

ALSO, NUMBERS 63, 50, 132, 265, 269 ...

ALRIGHT EVERYONE, THAT'S ENOUGH! NUMBERS 25, 13 AND THE GIRL WITH THE PINK LEOTARD!

YEAH, YOU!

AND THIS MUSICAL "ALICE", IS EXPECTED TO BECOME THE BLOCKBUSTER THIS YEAR AFTER ALL IT'S ESPECIALLY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GORDON COMPANY !

I FAILED AGAIN THAT WAS MY THIRD AUDITION THIS MONTH

huh ...

sigh...

Whew!

THAT'S ALL!!

THE REST OF YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

OH, MY ...

PRESIDENT GORDON, COMING HERE PERSONALLY IS..

THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING ME A LITTLE ...

FLA-

-SH!!

shatter...

AH..!

WHAT...?

AH! THE CHAIN ON WHICH HE WAS WEARING IT WAS TORN!

LADY'S RING

YOU DROPPED SOME-THING!

HERE YOU GO!

.....

THANK YOU.

I WANT YOU TO WEAR THIS. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

I'M... CRYSTAL ...

CRYSTAL RUDIN.

BUT THIS ...

EH!?

DOUGLAS

GIVE THAT GIRL THE LEADING PART IN "ALICE".

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NAME.

CRYSTAL?

PRESIDENT... YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD ...

huh?

I DON'T CARE! HURRY UP AND BRING ME THAT GIRL!!

AH... YES, SIR!

I DON'T CARE, DISCHARGE HER.

BUT GEORGINA AND THE PRODUCTION TEAM WILL MAKE A TERRIFIC UPROAR OVER IT!

BUT, MR. PRESIDENT!! YOU CAN'T JUST WAVE OFF THE STAR SINGER GEORGINA LIND ...

WHAT?!

HE-EY! YOU, GIRL!!

NO WAY ~ ~ ~

ME?

WHAT?

OH, NO! THIS RING ...

Ah!

It won't come off!?

BUD! HERE, BROTHER DEAREST, LOOK! A CONTRACT!

BUT... WEREN'T YOU DREAMING?

Hop

CONGRATS THEN.

YOU WERE CHOSEN AS THE LEAD ACTRESS IN *ALICE*?

?

.....

YOU KNOW, I'VE HEARD SOME PRETTY BAD RUMORS ABOUT THAT PRESIDENT ...

HE CRUSHED DOWN HIS RIVAL-COMPANIES ONE AFTER ANOTHER. AND HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING EXTREMELY VICIOUS.

BUD, YOU...!! CUT IT OUT, ALREADY !!

A-HA-HA! YOU'RE SO SEXY WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY!

EVEN I ST.. CAN'T BE..EVE IT

IT SEEMS THAT THE PRESIDENT ..IKED YOU FOR THE ROLE W'TH A SINGLE GLANCE

I DON'T JNDERSTAND VERY WEL.. WHAT'S GOING ON, TOO, BUT YOU SHOU..DN'T MISS SUCH A CHANCE

HE WAS A MYSTERIOUS MAN .. THAT PRES DENT

AS I THOUGHT SHE HAS THE SAME BIRTHDAY AS MOTHER BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE RING REACTED TO HER IMMEDIATE..Y

THIS IS MORE THAN JUST SENSA-TIONAL.

WHAT!? GEORGINA LIND WAS DISMIS-SED!?

THIS STAGE S MADE ESPECIALLY FOR HER!

WHO THE HELL IS THIS CRYSTAL OR WHATEVER HER NAME IS?!

THIS STAGE WILL BE THE TALK OF EVERYONE ...

WHAT?! SHE'S 16!?

I'M IN A HURRY!

MS. CRYSTAL, LET ME ASK YOU A FEW QUES-TIONS!

JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE!

KYAAA!!
tap tap
DRIVE TO THE STUDIO!
Eh!?
Slam~!
NO, PLEASE, BACK OFF!
Vroooom~
AW, DAMN IT!
I'LL REMOVE EVERYONE WHO IS STANDING IN YOUR WAY ...
I WILL MAKE YOU A STAR.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
AH, MR. ALEISTER ...
MY NAME'S ALEISTER.
PRE-SIDENT GORDON ...
PLEASE, CALL ME ALEIS-TER.
Wow!

SO, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SNATCHED THE LEADING PART FROM ME!

step step step

ALRIGHT! ENOUGH FOR TODAY!

I SEE... AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE ONLY RUMOR THAT DIDN'T APPLY TO THE PRESIDENT...

BUT I SEE HE HAS A LO-LITA COM-PLEX.

!

Georgina Lind!!

I ADMIT, YOUR DANCING IS ALRIGHT... BUT YOU CAN'T SING AT ALL!

SNAP!

HA HA HA HA HA!!

I CAN THREATEN THE PRESIDENT ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND I CAN EVEN DESTROY HIM WITH IT!

DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE. I HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THE WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS.

WHAT THE ...

SO HOW DID YOU REPAY HIM FOR HIS KINDNESS?

YOU THIRD-CLASS WHORE!!

INSECTS LIKE YOU DESERVE ONLY TO BE CRUSHED UNDER THE BOOTS OF OUR SERVANTS!

GO AHEAD AND DO YOUR WORST, I DARE YOU!

Crys-
tal!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?

BUD!?

I THOUGHT SO... THIS GIRL IS..!

what?

huh?

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK TURNED OUT TO BE GEORGINA'S PATRON...

PRESI-
DENT!

LISTON BANK IS APPLYING MORE AND MORE PRESSURE.

WHO IS THAT MAN .?

EH? WAS I THAT SCARY?

don't remember

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO ANGRY ...

The king of destruction and the souls of 49 people!

I summon you in the name of my true self and order you thus!

DON'T YOU HEAR SOMETHING ...?

WHAT?

not really

CRASH!!

Pass her death sentence and lead her to the realm of the dead!!

Wrap Georgina Lind in the cloak of your curse!

HOW DARE SHE! THAT LITTLE BITCH!

flap flap flap

YES, PRESIDENT, MY MASTER

PREPARE FOR THE CEREMONY ...

tap tap tap tap ...

SUGAN

SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE!

AAH!!

KYAAAAA!!

Geor-gina!

WHAT...?

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, CRYSTAL! THERE WAS NOBODY BUT GEORGINA THERE!

THAT WASN'T SUICIDE AT ALL! I SAW IT, THERE WAS SOME MONSTER...!

MON-STER ...?

YOU MEAN NOBODY ELSE SAW IT!?

POOR GEORGINA'S LIND

HA HA HA HA!

AND I'LL "PROVIDE FOR MYSELF N MY OWN WAY"!

I WILL ERASE EVERYONE STANDING IN OUR WAY!

I'M SO TIRED

MOTHER

I'M SO TIRED ...

1996

MOTHER, MOTHER...!

NO. ! NO.. !

STAY AWAY! YOU MONSTER!

NO!!

I JUST WANT TO PLAY LIKE NORMAL CHILDREN DO!

YOU ARE A GENIUS! IF YOU HAD JUST A LITTLE MORE MAGIC POWER, YOU'D ABLE TO CONTROL THE WHOLE WORLD!

AH!

FATHER! SAVE ME!

ALEISTER!

SOMETHING LIKE YOU CANNOT BE MY SON! YOU ARE A BASTARD CHILD ALICE HAD WITH SOME DEMON! AAH, MY GOD..!

MR... ALEISTER?

ah!

ARE YOU... ALRIGHT?

ALEISTER ...

FATHER!!

CAN I PLEASE ...

ASK ONE FAVOR OF YOU?

CRYSTAL ...

AH. WELL, THE DOOR WAS OPEN SO I CAME IN ...

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ...

YES ...

?

THAT AFFAIR WITH GEORGINA UPSET ME

WHA WHAT TO DO? I JUST CAME HERE TO TALK TO HIM BECAUSE

OOOH...

.....

ZZZZ...

WHAT IS THIS STRANGE FEELING OF PEACE AND CALMNESS ...

IT FEELS AS IF I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR SO LONG...

sigh

...T... HIS S ...GHT, TOO ...M NOT ...ORRIED ...MORE

EH?

THAT RING IS A MEMENTO I HAVE FROM HER.

THEN I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU RIGHT AWAY! SOMETHING SO PRECIOUS SHOULDN'T ...

IT'S ALRIGHT ...

GAH! HE'S AWAKE!

AK

MY... MOTHER ...

SHE COULDN'T GIVE ME SUCH WARMTH ...

THERE WAS EVEN A TIME WHEN I WAS LOCKED UP IN A DARK BASEMENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

MOTHER WAS A VERY STERN PERSON.

WHENEVER SHE DIDN'T LIKE SOMETHING I DID, SHE PUNISHED ME SEVERELY, LIKE A MADWOMAN ...

SHE WAS KILLED BY AN ASSASIN HIRED BY MY FATHER.

EVERYTHING WAS DROWNED IN BLOOD AND IN HER AGONIES, SHE CLUTCHED MY LEG AND TOLD ME,

SHE WOULD DEFINITELY BE REBORN INTO THIS WORLD AGAIN. THESE WERE HER LAST WORDS BEFORE SHE DIED.

SO I'M WAITING FOR HER.

I WAS WAITING AND WAITING AND WAITING...!

AH...

I AM ...

WHAT WAS THAT STORY JUST NOW.? I'M SCARED SO SCARED!

EXCUSE ME...!

I'LL COME SOME OTHER TIME!

THEN I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO A FRIEND OF MINE.

SHE'S A FORTUNE-TELLER, SO SHE'S GOOD WITH SUCH WEIRD STUFF.

HE-EH ...

AND SO MY LITTLE SIS GOT VERY FRIGHTENED ...

I'D SAY SHE'S JUST THINKING TOO MUCH INTO IT, BUT...

What ...!

OF COURSE. HE'S VERY FAMOUS IN THIS WORLD.

HE'S A MAGE WITH UNCOMMON GENIUS.

I SEE... ALEISTER GORDON, RIGHT...

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

IF HE DECIDED TO "CLAIM THE THRONE", THERE'D BE NOBODY TO DENY HIM THE RIGHT.

HIS POWERS ARE UNMATCH-ED...!

BUT WHAT IS EVEN MORE TERRIFYING IS...

HIS MOTHER, ALICE GORDON, WAS A POWERFUL MAGE, TOO, AND ATTAINED GREAT SUCCESS ...

AND ALEISTER INHERITED HER CURSED BLOOD.

HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY AFTER HIS FATHER DIED OF UNKNOWN CAUSE.

THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE COMMIT-TED SUICIDE OR GONE MAD AFTER TRYING TO OPPOSE HIM...!

THAT UNEARTHLY, GHOSTLY AURA, SURROUNDING THE HALL HE BUILT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MUSICAL "ALICE". IT'S CAPACITY IS 10.000 PEOPLE..!

I'M SURE THAT HE BUILT IT THIS WAY ON PURPOSE - IT'S POSITION, ARRANGEMENT AND SHAPE ARE SIMPLY PERFECT FOR GATHERING SPIRITUAL ENERGY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

AND IN ORDER TO GAIN THE GREATEST POWER POSSIBLE ...

HE PLANS TO TURN ALL THOSE GUESTS TO SACRIFICES.

10.000 Sacrifices!?

THAT MAYBE, THIS IS A GIANT RITUAL HALL...!

EHM... MR. ALEISTER ...

OH, MY! SUCH A BEAU-TIFUL BOU-QUET ...!

THIS RING IS...

I THINK I SHOULD RETURN THIS RING, AFTER ALL.

IT HAS TO COME OFF SOONER OR LATER...

NO, NO ...

IT CHOSE WHEN TO FALL OFF MY CHAIN. IT CHOSE ITS MASTER, YOU, BY ITSELF.

A TALISMAN THAT HAS THE POWER TO SUMMON A HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL... IT'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD

JUST REMAIN "CRYSTAL" FOR THE TIME BEING, PLEASE.

BUT I AM ...

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOURS...

DON'T YOU REMEM-BER?

WILD TALK

was planning to make it something like "Phantom of the opera", but in the end it turned out more like "Phantom of the paradise", I guess... Before drawing this story, I made research in one book about black magic and it was so scary, scary! I thought I might use one of the real spells I found there, but I thought it was too scary, so I didn't *tears* And about the name Aleister, well, it's a real person's name, yeah, and "Alice", too... Sorry to those who know what I mean. And it's very nice the draft of this story will not be published. To tell you the truth, I'm not happy with it, because at the time I made it I couldn't draw too well. It was a terrible business re-doing the scenes with the crumbling hall and so on

HE-HE-HE...
JUST LOOK AT HER, MY CINDERELLA ...
THE UNDER-GROUND TEMPLE IS READY, MASTER.
GOOD LUCK...
HURRY UP AND COME TO MY SIDE
THE GLASS SLIPPERS WILL SHATTER AND YOUR MAGIC WILL VANISH.

Oh, Chaos!

I am your king and ruler!

I govern the four great elements of the world! And I order the elemental spirits this:

Drink the blood of your king and acquire shape!

drip

Answer to the summons from the forbidden Grimoir!

SFFLASH

CRYSTAL!

AH!

WHAT ...

WHAT IS HAPPENING!!

CRACKLE!!

AAAA!!

RUN, EVERYONE!!

SOMEONE IS CALLING ME

KYAAAAH!!

THE CEILING... IS FALLING APART!!

SO
F...F...
MY DESIRE!

THAT'S RIGHT, I AM. I AM..!

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU, EXACTLY YOU, ARE THE REINCARNATION OF MY MOTHER ...

NOW, TELL ME YOUR TRUE NAME?

MY TRUE NAME IS...

THIS FEELING OF EVIL SPIRITS IS SO NOSTALGIC

ONCE LONG AGO I WAS ENVELOPED BY THIS SMELL.

THIS SMELL OF BLOOD !

JUST HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN. ?

NOW IS THE MOMENT TO BREAK THE SEAL.

WHEN YOU CALLED OUT YOUR TRUE NAME WITH YOUR OWN LIPS, WE OBTAINED THE GREATEST POSSIBLE POWER! NOW WE CAN LIFT THE CURTAINS TO A WHOLE NEW ERA!

HER NAME IS CRYSTAL! IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS BE CRYSTAL!

SHE WILL NEVER BECOME YOUR MOTHER OR ANYTHING ELSE!

Crystal!

Startle

QUIT JOKING! CRYSTAL WAS SHY AND ALWAYS CRYING ABOUT SOMETHING EVER SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE!

ARE YOU TELLING ME SHE'S A REINCAR-NATED WITCH!?

SHUT UP!!

BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE!

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR HER TO SPEAK HER TRUE NAME ...

SO, YOU MANAGED TO SURVIVE ...

AND I AM CRYSTAL!

WHO WAS HE

THAT MAN

BLAM!!

Wah!

crack

NO....

You will die by my hand..!

FLA-

-SH!!

HE WA

HE S

MY BROTHER BJD!

YES, BRO-THER!

MY ONE AND ONLY BROTHER!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, BROTHER!?

BRO-THER!?

grab

grab

STOP!!

SHE... SHE DIED 17 YEARS AGO!

I WILL NOT BECOME YOUR MOTHER.

AND FROM NOW ON, I WILL ALWAYS BE JUST CRYSTAL RUDIN!

I...

NO WAY ...

I LIVED ALL THIS TIME ONLY FOR YOUR SAKE, BECAUSE I LOVED YOU..!

NO!

NO! THAT WASN'T LOVE AT ALL! YOU WERE JUST BEING PLAYED BY A DEAD WOMAN!

Pull

I CAN KEEP LIVING EVEN WITHOUT THIS. AND YOU TOO...

SO CAME OFF!?

JUST FREE YOURSELF ALREADY ...

AND LIVE FOR YOUR-SELF...!

Crack

LIVE FOR MYSELF

YES
YOU ARE
MY
MOTHER

NO, YOU CAN'T..!

PLEASE, GO.

THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN IS OUT THERE.

CRYSTAL ...

TO THE WORLD WHERE I CAN LIVE.

HEY... WAIT!!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

HE'S ALRIGHT NOW. HE'LL PULL THROUGH.

MY BELOVED CRYSTAL ...

WAIT!! YOU'RE WRONG!!

ALEISTER!!

BRO-THER ..!

YOUR NAME S?

CRYSTAL

BEAUTIFUL NAME.

MY BELOVED CRYSTAL ...

BACKSTAGE IMAGE - THE END

Come Join Us...
and I'll do
fanservice for you.
ahem Attention please!!
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offering you the chance of a lifetime
to be promoted from leecher
status to a Scanlator *gasps*
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Backstage Mage

Kaori Yuki

TEINA WHO CAN SEE THE PAST

HE'S THE MURDERER!

看見過去的蓋娜

TEINA WHO CAN SEE THE PAST

THE FINGER-PRINTS ON THE MURDER WEAPON AND HIS FINGER-PRINTS ARE A MATCH!

HM... IT'S HIM ALRIGHT, SHE ACTUALLY SAID THAT THE MURDERER HAS ALREADY FLED

OH, I KNOW!

SOMETHING LIKE THE SIXTH SENSE

THAT GIRL ISN'T A WITNESS, SO HOW DID SHE KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT WAS?

I'M NOT SAYING ANY MORE.

CREAK!

WHAT'S HER NAME?

A FEELING?

SOUNDS ABSURD TO ME

WHEN SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE CULPRIT, SHE IMMEDIATELY HAD SOME IMAGES IN HER MIND

AH, DON'T WORRY.
I'M SERGEANT KAIJI
TEINA!
NICE TO MEET YOU
SURPRISED!
THIS GUY
I'VE JUST HEARD ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

SUCH A GENTLE LOOK
I KNOW!
HE'S MY LOVER IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE
COULD HE BE
OH... NO-THING!
SOME-THING THE MATTER?
I'M AN ONLY CHILD!
YOUR PARTNER IS YOUR BROTHER
I SEE IT ...
AH!
SHE HAS 50% ACCURACY!
OH, SHE'S OUR PSYCHIC CONSUL-TANT
SHUT UP! I'M NOT FEELING WELL TODAY!
WHAT IS THIS LADY!
Strange
PLEASE, RALA!
IF WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THIS CASE, WE'LL NEED YOUR SKILLS!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

LET ME INTRO-DUCE SOME-ONE.

THIS IS MISS TEINA.

IT'S A JEWELRY SHOP

AH,

THE ALARM RANG AND THE THIEF IS STILL INSIDE..

KAIJI, WHERE DID THAT KID COME FROM?

GO HAVE A LOOK

YOU CAN TOUCH IF NEEDED

OKAY

THE SECURITY GUARDS ARRIVE..

AH, HER LOVER CAME...

HE TOOK THE JEWEL-ERY.

SLAP!

ENOUGH! BE QUIET!
LET'S GO
HE'LL SURELY COME AND SAVE ME!
HE DIDN'T RUN AWAY!
ARE YOU A WITCH!?
AH, I THINK I SHOULD GO HOME, UNCLE
I'LL TAKE YOU.
HOLD ON, KAIJI!
WAA! HER BLOOD SEEMS TO BE BOILING
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE PSYCHIC HERE!
GLARE!
CALM DOWN, RALA.
SCOLD
KAIJI!

I'M NOT GOOD AT ALL...
THESE THINGS...
VERY GOOD, TEINA!
YOU'RE REALLY...
WE MIGHT NEED YOUR HELP TO SOLVE THIS CASE.
RECENTLY THERE'S TH S CASE WHERE LOTS OF OUR OFFICERS ARE BEING MURDERED,
OH
HE' ALREADY HAS A LOVER!
A RING?
I'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR POWER.
THOSE ARE MY FRIENDS!
WHEN YOU THINK THAT THOSE WHO DO THE SAME JOB AS YOU GET KILLED,

GRAND-FATHER,
AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT...
I SAW HIM TODAY!
IF I MET MY PREVIOUS LIFES' LOVER TODAY,
WOULD THAT TIME'S ENGAGEMENT BE VALID?
BUT, IT'S HARD TO SAY AS THE NUMBER OF TIMES INCREASE.
NO MATTER WHAT, HE'LL ALSO BE AFFECTED IN SOME WAY.
TRANSMI-GRATION WILL ALWAYS REPEAT NONSTOP,
WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SO SCARED?
IT FEELS LIKE I'M GOING TO LOSE SOMETHING IMPORTANT
GRAND-FATHER, I'M SCARED,
IF THE NEXT REINCARNATION

I'M SO HAPPY! LET'S GO TO THE SCENE!
I'M COMING TOO!
HOLD ON, COME HERE FOR AWHILE
AM I ANNOYING?
RALA!
TEINA, YOU CAME!

I SEE A DARK DEMON LIKE A COUPLE

I SEE A DARK DEMON LIKE A HUMAN FLAME.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE

OF COURSE I NEED YOUR HELP!

REALLY?

TEINA

THIS IS WHERE THE FIRST MURDER RECENTLY TOOK PLACE.

OKAY, LET ME TRY

STRANGE! THERE'S NO FEELING AT ALL!
THEN LET'S CHECK AT THE OTHER PLACES.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HAA...
HAA...
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!
ITS FINE, WE'LL END HERE TODAY

HMM.
IT'S NOTHING MUCH ACTUALLY
OH? I HEARD RALA WENT TOO, WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE DOESN'T SEEM DEPENDABLE SUCH A YOUNG GIRL
SO HOW WAS THE 'SPIRIT SENSOR' GIRL?
IT'S HER FIRST TIME TODAY
WHERE
WHERE AM I?
I SEE IT NOW!
THAT'S ME FROM MY PAST LIFE!
IT'S KAIJI
AH

WHO COULD IT BE?

NO TRACE AT ALL.

CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE?

HMM!

THERE'S NO FEELING AT ALL, NO MATTER WHAT!

IT'S LIKE THERE'S A FORCE STOPPING ME

AGAIN?

CAN'T

WHEN? LET ME THINK

.....

I'VE NEVER TRIED BEFORE, AND I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS MATTER HAS MADE ME..

I WAS LYING ON MY DAD'S LAP STUDYING,

I GUESS,

IT WAS WHEN I WAS EIGHT.

WHEN DID YOU GET THIS POWER?

PAPA?!
WHO WAS THE LADY YOU WERE EATING WITH TODAY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, TEINA?
WHEN I TOUCHED PAPA, SOME IMAGES SUDDENLY POPPED UP IN MY MIND
ONE DAY, MAMA FOUND OUT WHO HE WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH,
SHE IMMEDIATELY FILED FOR DIVORCE
BECAUSE PAPA WAS A PLAYBOY, HE MADE MAMA SAD
WHY? WHY DO YOU KNOW..
MAMA, I FELT IT!
THAT'S VERY STRANGE TEINA!
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT A NORMAL GIRL
BECAUSE OF THAT EXPERIENCE, I DARE NOT USE MY ABILITY ANYMORE..

Pat

THEN YOU'RE SAYING ... I'M YOUR 'GRAND-FATHER' TOO!

GRAND-FATHER WAS VERY HAPPY...

BUT I LOST EVEN MORE THINGS

IS ALREADY DEAD.

?

SOME-ONE WHO USED TO HELP ME..

I ALWAYS BELIEVED IT WITHOUT A DOUBT

HE ALWAYS TOLD ME THIS, 'HUMANS CAN ONLY SEE THE OUTER SIDES AND NOT THE INNER SIDES'.

EVEN THOUGH HE D DN'T BECOME BIG, HE ALWAYS KEPT WORKING HARD

IS A VERY GREAT THING!

KA JI

BUT AFTER MEETING YOU,

I UNDER-STOOD THAT TO KNOW ONE'S FEELING..

YOU'RE AN ORDINARY GIRL!
I KNOW YOU TOO!
IS IT SCARY?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?
MMM, LET ME FEEL.
SOMEONE WAS KILLED AGAIN!
KAIJI!
IT'S YOUR PARTNER!
SHIHAN!?
SHIHAN!
SHIHAN!

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蒂娜的造型是取自
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HE...
I CAN'T SEE THE CULPRIT PROPERLY...
HE'S SAYING GOODBYE TO SOMEONE...
WEARING A LONG OVERCOAT
SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE HE KNOWS
I SAW IT!
TEINA!
IYAAAA!
HE WAS STABBED WITH A SWORD WITH A STAR SYMBOL ON IT!

ARE YOU SURE IT'S THIS?
AH!
THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE
THIS WAS THE CASE SHIHAN HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING TWO YEARS AGO...
THE MARSA TEACHING'S EMBLEM!
YES! THIS IS IT!
THAT CASE?
COME TO THINK OF IT, ALL THE DETECTIVES INVOLVED IN THAT CASE WERE KILLED!

THAT TIME WHEN WE WENT TO CAPTURE THEM
LAST TIME, MARISA'S TEACHING WAS A TYPE OF DEMONIC TEACHING
THAT TEACHING DOESN'T EXIST NOW.
THE ONE WHO SHOT MARISA..
WAS ME
MARISA FIRST SHOT THE POLICE
THEY WERE SACRIFICING A GIRL FOR THEIR PRAYER!
THE FOLLOWERS THEN CAME IN THE WHOLE PRAYER GROUND BECAME A BLOOD BATH!

THE SURVIVORS FROM THAT CULT ARE...
ONE OF THE MARISA'S BISHOP, ROBERT,
ON THE RUN.
MARISA'S DAUGHTER, LEIYA,
ON THE RUN.
FOUR OTHER DISCIPLES...
ARE NOW IN PRISON
WHO KNOWS...
THESE BELIEVERS MAY BE THE CAUSE OF STOPPING YOUR ABILITY.
WAIT!

YOU LIKE KAJI RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN TO STOP.
YOU THINK YOU'RE ACTUALLY USEFUL!?
THIS ISN'T A CHILD'S PLAY-GROUND!
THIS
WHERE ?
KAIJI!
Open!
NO
I'M FEELING VERY UNEASY!
click!

RN RN RN

S POLICE LINE DO NOT CRO

HERE'S THE PLACE

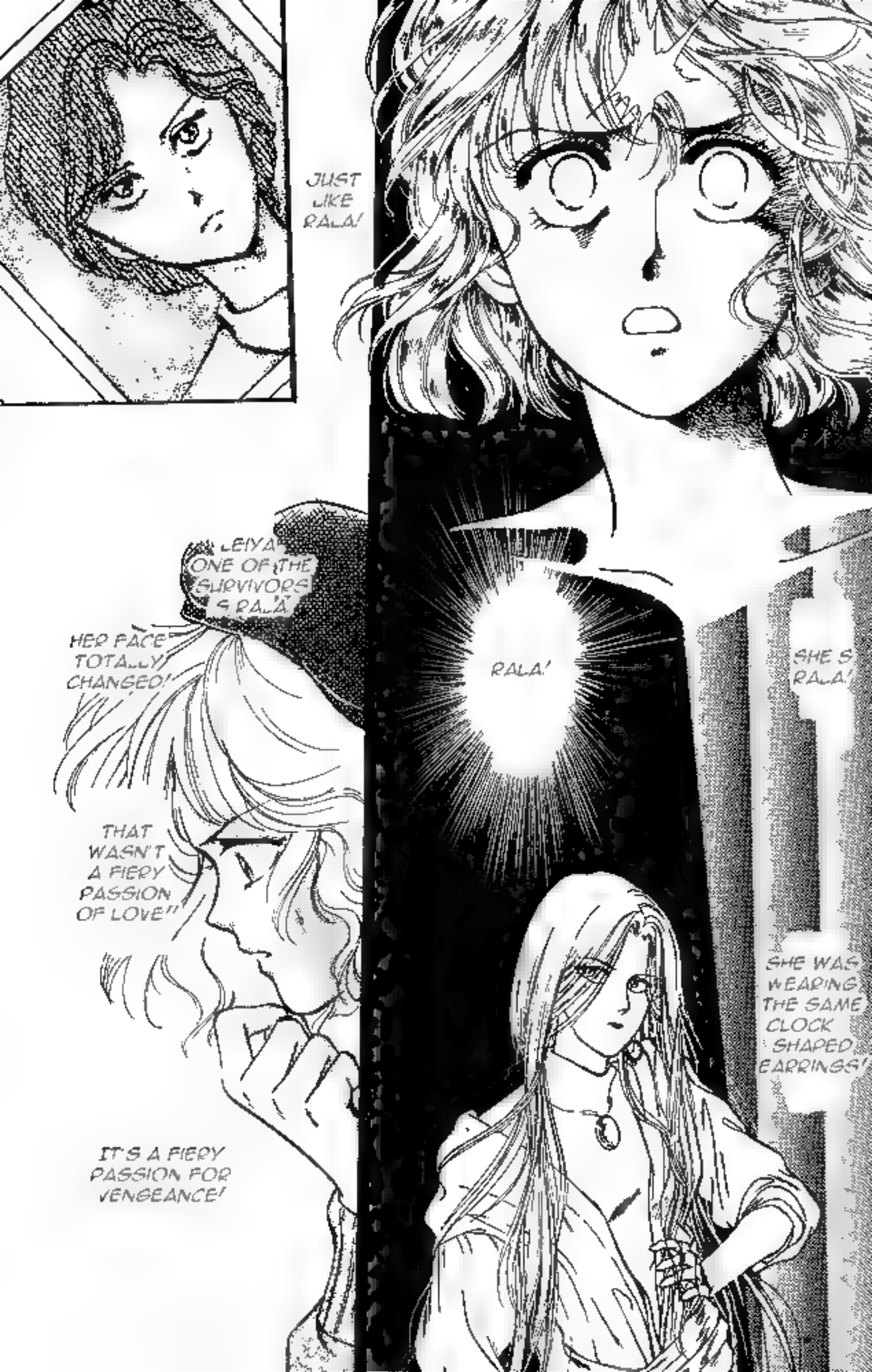
THERE'S BLOOD EVERYWHERE I COUNT FOUR SHOTS

THIS IS THE PLACE

ANYONE CAN ENJOY THE WHITE FENCE AND RUNNING AT THIS PLACE

ACCIDENT WAS EVENTUAL? HERE HOW TERRIBLE

COVER ME!
DOGED!


JUST LIKE RALA!
LEIYA! ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF RALA.
HER FACE TOTALLY CHANGED!
THAT WASN'T A FIERY PASSION OF LOVE!!
IT'S A FIERY PASSION FOR VENGEANCE!
RALA!
SHE'S RALA!
SHE WAS WEARING THE SAME CLOCK SHAPED EARRINGS!

KAIJI
HUDDY
PICK UP!

SLAM!
RRRRRRR
RALA?
KAIJI?
PLEASE...
RALA!
STOP

LOOKS LIKE IT'S QUITE IMPOR-TANT
I'LL GO MAKE SOME COFFEE.
RALA, I...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU
NOT A GOOD FEELING!
BECAUSE OF TEINA?
SHE'S ONLY A 15, 16 YEAR OLD GIRL!
I'VE BEEN THINKING... I...
AND I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT MARRYING YOU.
I DON'T LOVE YOU.

BUT... THAT GIRL IS DIFFERENT!
YOU CAN LIVE ON YOUR OWN...
WHO?
WHO DO YOU NEED MORE?
YOU'RE STILL CONSCIOUS?
THAT'S A HERB WE GIVE TO THE MARTYRS.
THUD!
IT WAS DRUGGED !?
AH?
EA..A?

USING THIS TO STAB THEM DURING THE CEREMONY IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THIS?
THEY VOLUNTEERED TO OFFER THEIR LIFE TO GOD!
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU ALL THOUGHT THEY WERE SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS!
BUT ACTU-ALLY,
I DECIDED TO KILL YOU LAST!
BECAUSE YOU KILLED MY FATHER,
MARISA'S
TIME
SO...
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE I'M GETTING MY REVENGE ON.

NO ONE CAN STOP IT
NO!
I MUST STOP FATE FROM REPEATING ITSELF THIS TIME!
HA!
HA!
HA!
MY BELOVED!
NOW GO MEET MY FATHER!

BANG!
BANG!

AH...
KAI...JI...
Haa...

TEINA!
TEINA! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
YOUR SHOULDER GOT WOUNDED!
DO YOU REMEMBER...
OUR PREVIOUS LIFE?
YOU AND I...
THAT TIME,
TEINA!
faint...
WE WERE IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER...

NE, GRANDFA-THER! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FELT THIS HAPPY!
I GOT IT WITH MY OWN HANDS!
THIS TIME, I'VE GOTTEN THE ABILITY TO MAKE MYSELF HAPPY!
然後…
KAIJI!

SONO TOKI TEINA WA KAKO WO MITA
(TEINA WHO CAN SEE THE PAST)
-END-